demand would be adequately met by materialization of the above projects. As such setting up of any other oil refinery, including one in the State of Rajasthan, does not appear to be feasible.

Gas reserve in Madhya Pradesh

239. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries Ltd. has struck a huge gas reserve in its onshore CBM exploration block in Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof with its commercial production schedules; and

(c) the purposes for which the gas produced from Shahdol field is to be utilized and its share in production of power in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Delay in launching of GASOHOL

240. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the deadline for launching the petrol-ethanol mixture GASOHOL all over the country;

(b) whether this is due to severe imbalance among the States in terms of the size of sugar production capacity thereby ensuring regular supply of molasses;

(c) whether inter-State movement of molasses based ethanol will be subject to existing Central excise laws; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to overcome such problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Government have not fixed any deadline for covering the entire country with supply of ethanol-blended-petrol. However, the deadline for covering all areas of 9 major sugarcane producing States and 4 UTs with 5% ethanol-blended petrol has been extended from 30.6.2003 to 30.9.2003.

(b) The deadline has been extended mainly due to non-availability of sufficient quantity of anhydrous ethanol against the public tender floated by oil companies. In addition, certain levies/fees charged by States like high sales tax, purchase tax/import/export fee is making the marketing of ethanol-blended petrol unviable in those States.

(c) Inter State movement of molasses is governed by State Excise Laws.

(d) Oil companies have already taken up the issues through State Level coordinator with the concerned State Governments.

Securitisation scheme for petroleum sector

241. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in the process of finalising securitisation scheme for the petroleum sector;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether the scheme is on the lines of the scheme that has been adopted for SEBs; and

(d) in what matter securitisation scheme would help the petroleum sector to improve further/?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features of the proposed scheme are as under:—

(i) The scheme will be applicable for securitization of SEB dues in North Eastern Region in respect *of* outstanding dues of GAIL (India) Limited and Oil India Limited.